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RRN for 7.31

(Natural Resource related items)

- **Net Locator Cards.** Cards showing location and listing GPS coordinates for the tribal fishermen's nets are being created through a cooperative effort between city, state and tribal parties. This is part of the ongoing effort to keep charter and sport fishers aware of the nets and help them to avoid any problems.
- **More anti-tribal fishing actions.** In the ongoing saga of tribal member commercial fishing, letters to the Editor in the local paper along with signs calling for a boycott of tribal businesses continued. The tribe and the independent fishermen continue to try to educate the local charter and sport fishing community as to the rights of tribal members.

(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **Ryan Champagne hearing.** Appellate Tribal Judge Ryan Champagne will appear at a removal hearing on July 30th. The hearing will be before the other tribal judiciary.

(Cultural related items)

- **Language Camp 07.** The 2007 Language Camp was held on the 27th, 28th and 29th at the Gathering Grounds. One of the largest first day groups in the tribes' 13 year history came in for the event. The wonderful event organized by Kenny Pheasant brought in people from Michigan, Ontario, Wisconsin, Florida, Oklahoma, Illinois, South Dakota, Massachusetts and Arizona. (Cultural Preservation)
- **Elder Passes.** Sad passing in our Native community. Don Stevens "Red Arrow" walked on to the spirit world last night. He was very well known throughout the state for his expertise in black ash basket making and his skills in traditional Ojibwa dance, storytelling, and song. A tribal elder of the Saginaw Chippewa tribe, Red Arrow was very dedicated to sharing his traditional skills and knowledge with others.

(General area items)

- **School Officials Thank Tribe!** Manistee Area Public School Board member Dan Duchon and MAPS Superintendent Bob Olsen appeared before Council to publicly thank the tribe for the casino and other business that is vital to the Manistee area. Their appearance was to counter the negative publicity regarding tribal commercial fishing.
- **Insurance Refund.** Manistee Insurance and Blue Cross representatives appeared before Council to announce a

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From L.R.B.O.I.

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rebate of quarterly funds in the amount of almost \$100,000. Insurance premiums go to pre-pay costs and with the back-to-work and cost containment programs at the Casino and Tribal government the costs for the quarter were lower. The difference is what was given back to the government.

- **Council and Ogema visit Odawa Casino.** Elected leaders represented the LRBOI in a visit to the new Odawa Casino for the grand opening event. Watch for an article in the next *Currents*.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Employee AFLAC.** The AFLAC agent will be at the Language Camp to give overviews on the programs for insurance for tribal employees.

Special Program Notes:

The Monarch Butterfly Project

Tentative pick up date for this year: Monday, July 16, 2007

Tentative release date: Monday, August 13, 2007

Call Debra Davis at 231-398-6724 if you have any questions

Birch Bark Canoe Building Workshop

Dates: August 20-24, 2007

Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Tentative Location: Gathering Grounds (the corner of US 31 and M-22, across from the casino)

12 slots available for ages 13-18 on a first come first served basis

Call Stephanie Chau at 231-398-6717 to sign up or if you have any questions

Financial Skills for Families

Dates: Meets every Tuesday for 8 weeks starting August 7, 2007

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Administration Building Conference Room

10 slots available for ages 18+ on a first come first served basis

Call Yvonne Parsons at 231-398-6735 to sign up or if you have any questions

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